GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6547
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
GRIEVANCES OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had appointed a Committee in July last year to go into the grievances and demands of personnel of armed forces/ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the said Committee;

(c) whether the report was to be submitted in three months` time;

(d) if so, the reasons for not submitting the report so far; and

(e) the action taken, if any, to redress the grievances of the Indian soldier?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6547 9.5.2002

A Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri with Chief Ministers of six states i.e. West Bengal, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Union Finance Minister as members, on 3rd August 1999.

The terms of reference of the said Committee are to evolve a uniform Policy for Welfare of Jawans and Ex-servicemen.

The Committee was required to submit its report in three months time. However, this could not be done due to a number of unforeseen developments like change in incumbency, etc.

The demands of ex-servicemen as and when made by the Ex-servicemen Associations are considered in consultation with the Service Headquarters and other concerned Departments and suitable steps, as are administratively and financially feasible, are taken to redress the grievances.